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1 CLAIMS

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3 1) A keyboard (1) for use by an operator comprising a
4 first keyboard section (2) containing a plurality of
5 character input keys (4), a first edge that is
6 located adjacent to the operator during normal use of
7 the keyboard and a second keyboard section (3)
8 containing a plurality of command input keys (5)
9 wherein the second keyboard section (3) is located
10 between the first keyboard section (2) and the first
11 edge and is displaced from the first keyboard section
12 (2).

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14 2) A keyboard (1) as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the
15 plurality of character input keys (4) comprise keys
16 for inputting printable characters selected from the
17 group comprising alpha numeric, symbols and
18 punctuation characters.

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20 3) A keyboard (1) as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2
21 wherein the plurality of command input keys (5)
22 comprise keys for inputting commands selected from
23 the group comprising tab, capitals lock, numbers
24 lock, shift, control, alt, back space, insert,
25 delete, home, end, page up, page down, mouse control,
26 escape, and function keys.

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28 4) A keyboard (1) as claimed in any of the preceding
29 Claims wherein the keyboard (1) further comprises
30 connection means for connecting the keyboard (1) to a
31 remote computer system.

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- 1 5) A keyboard (1) as claimed in Claim 4 wherein the
2 connection means comprises a signal transmitter.
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- 4 6) A keyboard (1) as claimed in any of the preceding
5 Claims wherein the first keyboard section (2) and the
6 second keyboard section (3) are pivotally attached so
7 that the second keyboard section (3) can be moved
8 from the displaced position to a second position
9 located below the first keyboard section (2).
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- 11 7) A keyboard (1) as claimed in Claim 6 wherein when the
12 second keyboard section (3) is moved to the second
13 position the function of the command input keys (5)
14 are remapped so as to maintain the relative position
15 of the function of the command input keys (5) to that
16 provided in the displaced position.
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- 18 8) A keyboard (1) as claimed in Claim 6 wherein the
19 first keyboard section further comprises a
20 multidirectional key and a mouse stick and the
21 command input keys are mapped to provide a plurality
22 of trigger buttons so enabling the keyboard to be
23 employed as a games controller.
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- 25 9) A keyboard (1) as claimed in any of the preceding
26 Claims wherein the first (2) and second keyboard
27 sections (3) comprise side cut recesses (17).
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- 29 10) A keyboard (1) as claimed in Claims 6 to 9 wherein
30 the first keyboard section (2) comprises a
31 representation (18) of the configuration of the
32 function of the command input keys (5) when the

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1 second keyboard section (3) is located in the second
2 position.

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4 11) A keyboard (1) as claimed in Claims 6 to 10 wherein
5 when the second keyboard section (3) is moved to the
6 second position the first keyboard section (2) is
7 deactivated.

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9 12) A keyboard (1) as claimed in Claims 6 to 11 wherein
10 the second keyboard section (3) functions as a remote
11 control device.

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13 13) A keyboard (1) as claimed in Claims 6 to 11 wherein
14 the second keyboard section (3) comprises a mobile
15 phone screen such that the second keyboard section
16 (3) functions as a mobile phone.

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18 14) A keyboard (1) as claimed in any of the preceding
19 Claims wherein the keyboard (1) further comprises a
20 main screen (26).

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22 15) A keyboard (1) as claimed in Claim 14 wherein the
23 main screen (26) is pivotally attached to the first
24 keyboard section (2) so that it moves between a first
25 position where the main screen (26) can be viewed and
26 a second position where the main screen (26) can not
27 be viewed.

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29 16) A keyboard (1) as claimed in Claim 15 wherein when
30 the main screen (26) is the second position it
31 provides a physical barrier to the character input
32 keys (4).

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1 17) A keyboard (1) as claimed in any of the preceding
2 Claims wherein the keyboard (1) is made of a plastic
3 material.
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5 18) A keyboard (1) as claimed in any of the preceding
6 Claims wherein the character input keys (4) and the
7 command keys (5) comprise keys that are ergonomically
8 optimised.
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